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Mae West

Mae West, born Mary Jane West, was an iconic American actress, singer, comedian, screenwriter, and playwright whose career spanned over seven decades. She was known for her breezy sexual independence and her lighthearted bawdy double entendres.

Professional Life

Mae West began her career in vaudeville and on stage in New York City before moving to Los Angeles to start her film career. She became one of the most controversial movie stars of her day,

often clashing with censors due to her provocative content. Some of her most famous films include "She Done Him Wrong" and "I'm No Angel". West was also a talented writer, penning many of her own screenplays and plays. Her career continued well into her later years, with performances in Las Vegas, London, and on television.

Private Life

Mae West's private life was as colorful as her professional one. She was married to Frank Wallace in 1911, but the marriage was kept secret and they divorced in 1943. She had a long-term relationship with Paul Novak, who was 30 years her junior. West was known for her shrewd real estate investments,

which contributed to her considerable private fortune. Despite her public persona, she was relatively private, rarely going out during the day to avoid the aging effects of the sun.

Mae West's life was a blend of bold professional choices and a private life that was equally intriguing. She remains a significant figure in American cinema and culture.